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A.—(a) The Special Officer of the District Board has reported that he proposes to confirm the resolution fixing the total and elective strengths of the taluk boards on the 21st October 1928 and expects to hold the elections for taluk boards in the first half of January next year. Elections of members to the district board will be held as soon as the elections and nominations to taluk boards have been completed

(b) The strength of the district board has been fixed at fifty-two members of whom forty will be elected.

The Zamindar of Gollapalli:—"Will the hon the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the strength of the taluk board of Kistna and the number of nominations?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The Government have not that information."

Poor-houses

Government aid to the Beggars' Home, Madras.

* 593 Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what help the Government are rendering to the Beggars' Home at Madras; and

(b) whether they will be pleased to introduce legislation to enable the city police to send all street beggars to that asylum?

A.—(a) The Government transferred to the Corporation in 1925 the old Leper Hospital buildings in which the Beggars' Home is now located. No other financial assistance is being given by Government.

(b) The question of legislation is under correspondence with the Corporation of Madras.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Nomination of a member from the Nagarathar community to the Temple Committee, South Arcot.

* 594 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for nominating M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur A. M. M. Murugappa Chettiyar, M.L.C., as a Member of the Temple Committee, South Arcot, especially when a member of the Nagarathar community (Mr. A. Muthiah Chettiyar, son of Sir A. Annamalai Chettiyar, *Kt.*), has been nominated thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. Murugappa Chettiyar has no landed property in Chidambaram taluk or anywhere in the district of South Arcot;

(c) whether it is a fact that he does not reside in Chidambaram and has no place of residence in South Arcot;

(d) what interests were intended to be served by his nomination;

(e) the reasons for not nominating a member of the Vellala community to the Committee;

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(*f*) whether any attempt was made to secure suitable persons in Tindivanam and Villupuram taluks for nomination, and if so, with what result; and

(*g*) what are the special reasons for nominating 5 persons from Cuddalore taluk out of 11 persons nominated so far; and

(*h*) whether the Government intend to nominate a member of the Vellala community for the seat now vacant?

A.—(*a*) & (*d*) It is well known that the temples of Southern India owe much to the munificence and religious devotion of the Nagarathar community. Apart from this, the gentleman in question has evinced a particular personal interest in the temple at Chidambaram.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) A member of the Vellala community, M.R.Ry. M. G. Parthasarathi Mudaliyar Avargal, has been appointed to the Committee.

(*f*) The nominee selected for the representation of the Villupuram taluk declined to serve. The question of appointing a suitable person from the Tindivanam taluk will be considered.

(*g*) Members are not selected solely with reference to the taluk in which they happen to reside.

(*h*) The question will be considered.

Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA :—"May I know, Sir, whether any depressed class representatives have been nominated?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No, Sir."

Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA :—"May I know the reason, Sir?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The reasons are obvious, if the hon. Member would only think over that."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I ask the hon. Minister to state what those obvious reasons are?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I said before if the hon. Member applied his mind, he would find the answer."

Medical

Sending Captain Srinivasamurti, Principal of the Government School of Indian Medicine, on deputation to Northern India.

*595 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) for what purpose Captain Srinivasamurti, the Principal, Government School of Indian Medicine, was deputed to Northern India recently;

(*b*) what are the recommendations contained in his report;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place his report on the table; and

(*d*) what steps Government propose to take to give effect to his recommendations?